

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

As always, thank you for your support in ensuring that our pupils have been in school and working hard this week. It has been yet another busy and exciting week:

- Year 11 have reached the end of their mock exam period and we look forward to sharing their progress with you.
- Year 8 have won our weekly attendance incentive this week - keep up the great work in attending to achieve!
- Many pupils have been involved in Shrek The Musical Rehearsals - tickets are currently on sale for shows on 8th, 9th, 10th April (Watch this space for details of the Primary School Matinee performance we are arranging).
- We have received our offers for Y7 pupils in September 2025 - We remain full and oversubscribed and are really looking forward to meeting our new members of the WOA family at our New Intake Event on Wednesday 26th March 4-5pm.
- Today we have launched the first of our FOMO Friday Rewards Package - 20 pupils have won fast passes or vouchers because their attendance over the past week has been 100%.
- Next week two of our pupils - Thomas and Tiahna - will compete in the regional heat of Ormiston's Got Talent - we wish them luck and look forward to sharing their achievements with you.
- Attendance in school remains and on-going priority for us. We have identified that some pupils are not attending school on a Friday - we want to address this and this is why we have launched our FOMO Friday Rewards Package. Please see the attendance section of this newsletter for more details.

Finally, as you will already be aware, we want our school to a safe and happy place for pupils and staff and have continued our work in monitoring out of class behaviours and toilets. In my daily briefings I continue to remind pupils of our aims and expectations. I wish to remind you, as parents, of the issues all schools are facing in relation to the dangers of vaping. Vapes are banned items and we will not tolerate any child bringing any banned item into school or using a vape or any other substance on site. Following the incident involving a vape where a child became ill, we have taken a zero tolerance approach. If you have any questions or queries regarding our approach to tackling vapes, or in monitoring the toilets please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

This week was the launch of our 'FOMO Fridays!' with even more chances to win rewards and take part in events for good attendance and behaviour.

Today we had 5 students win a free Friday breaktime breakfast and 10 students earn a Friday Fast Pass to get to the front of the lunch queue, on top of wheel of wonder vouchers for students who earned positive points this week.

We have also surveyed all students in Smart Start to decide what small and big rewards they would like to win.

Every Friday is FOMO Friday so make sure you are in school!

Year 8 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

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[#missitmissout](#)

[#FOMOfriday](#)



HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX READER

881 hours of reading have been completed this week, with over 679 books already read!

1	Isabella C (Isabella the Icon)	2869 SRP
2	Oliver E (Oliver the Intellectual)	790 SRP
3	Joe T (Joe the Leader)	700 SRP

SPARX MATHS

The class this week with the highest average XP is 8A4! A whopping 239 students have reached a new XP level. Brilliant work!

1	Thalia S (Thalia the Good egg)	3,284 XP
2	Ramyah (Ramyah the Whiz kid)	2,792 XP
3	Sufia A (Sufia the Blessing)	2,558 XP

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st place - Austen- 31495
2nd place - Brontë - 30899
3rd place - Dickens - 30141
4th place - Shakespeare – 28760

Well done to:
7CDE, 8RTO, 9JLG, 10KCH, and 11YAK
the top house point scorers in their year group!



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

All mock exams are now completed!
Well done everyone in Y11. You have worked fantastically hard throughout the three weeks of mocks and we your dedication and revision will have allowed you to glow up your grades!

Your teachers are now busy marking and checking your assessments and we will be sharing the results with you on Thursday 20th March.

Session 6 begins again for everyone on Monday. The real exams are now only a matter of weeks away so let's stay focussed and make the most of all opportunities!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 19th March – Y8 Parents evening

Wednesday 26th March - Y6 Welcome to the family event

Friday 28th March – Y9 Options submission deadline.

Choices should be entered via the sims app or website. If you need support please email student.data@woacademy.co.uk

Friday 11th April – School closes for the Easter Holiday

WE CARE – USEFUL INFORMATION

1. Only talk to people you know on line
2. Only organise to meet people in safe places
3. Walk each other home – don't stay out too late!
4. If you see anything that concerns you – don't forget to run, hide, tell!

If you have a concern during the holidays please contact:

Police – 999 (emergency) 101 (non-emergency)

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000 (Text 88858)

Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123